

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CITY
COMMISSIONERS FOR THE CITY OF PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA, HELD IN THE
COMMISSION CHAMBER AT CITY HALL, September 15, 2015, AT 6:00 P.M.
The Meeting was held in the Port St. Joe Fire Department Meeting Room due
to a request for accessibility from a citizen.**

The following were present: Mayor Patterson, Commissioners Ashbrook, Buzzett, McCroan, and Thursbay. City Manager Jim Anderson, City Clerk Charlotte Pierce and Attorney Tom Gibson were also present.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes

A Motion was made by Commissioner Thursbay, second by Commissioner Ashbrook, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting and Budget Workshop on September 1, 2015; Joint City / County Workshop on September 2, 2015; Burton and Associates on September 8, 2015, and the Special Meeting of September 10, 2015. All in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

PORT ST. JOE REDEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION (PSJRA) - Bill Kennedy

Mr. Kennedy shared that he is working with downtown businesses to make them aware of the Façade Grants that are available through the PSJRA; he is looking at revisions to be made to the downtown map; noted that golf carts would be good for the downtown and waterfront areas; deferred an inquiry from the FL Lighthouse Association to Clerk Pierce, and reminded the PSJRA Board of an onsite meeting at the lighthouse facility at 8:30 A.M., tomorrow.

CITY ATTORNEY – Tom Gibson

Patton Park Plat Approval – The PDRB has reviewed and recommends approval of the plat. Preble-Rish will prepare the final plat for signatures. A Motion was made by Commissioner Ashbrook, second by Commissioner Thursbay, to approve the Patton Park Plat. All in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Ordinance 518 Water Rates: First Reading – A Motion was made by Commissioner Buzzett, second by Commissioner Thursbay, for Ordinance 518 to be read by Title only. All in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Attorney Gibson read Ordinance 518 by Title only.

Ordinance 519 Sewer Rates: First Reading – A Motion was made by Commissioner McCroan, second by Commissioner Thursbay, for Ordinance 519 to be read by Title only. All in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Attorney Gibson read Ordinance 519 by Title only.

Resolution 2015-06 Impact Fees – A Motion was made by Commissioner Thursbay, second by Commissioner McCroan, to approve Resolution 2015-06. All in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Jetty Park Name Change – A Motion was made by Commissioner Thursbay, second by Commissioner Ashbrook, to approve changing the name of Jetty Park to Clifford C. Sims memorial Park effective September, 2016. All in favor; Motion carried 5-0. The reason for the delay in the changing of the name is because of existing brochures that have just been printed. This will allow for time to use up the brochures and give ample notice of the change for future publications.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT – Jim Anderson

Old Business

102 Stone Drive: Building Permit – The Stop Work Order (SWO) remains in force; Mr. Mike is looking at other properties; he is in hopes of a resolution so the SWO can be lifted and avoid legal involvement. Mr.

Anderson noted that the Building Inspector, Bo Creel, will not make any changes until directed by the Commission. The Board directed Mr. Creel to work on a foundation plan with the manufacturer and bring it back to the Board for review.

Northwest Florida Water Management District Grant – The bids are currently \$106,000 over budget and Staff is reviewing options to reduce the cost of the project for the Lime pretreatment and distribution line from Highway 71 to Tenth Street and from Long to Monument Avenue. NFWFMD will have additional funding available October 1 and there is a possibility of additional help with the project.

Highway 98 Golf Cart Crossing: Mayor Patterson – The following individuals spoke in favor of being able to cross Highway 98 in golf carts. Roni Coppock, Guerry Magidson, Phil Earley, Benny Roberts, Ed Creamer, and Boyd Pickett. After discussion and opinions were expressed, Clay Smallwood, III, of PRI suggested that he discuss the possibility of a crossing with DOT, see if it is feasible, and what would be required.

New Business

Fee Waiver Request for the Centennial Building 2/22/16 – 3/31/16 TDC Film Crew – Ms. Jenkins has indicated that the facility is not needed at this time.

Kiosk Signs The Kiosk signs throughout the City are weathered and in need of replacement. Mr. Anderson has asked Ms. Jenkins if the TDC can help with this.

Cape Sewer Billing – Mr. Anderson has been talking with Jay Rish about options to resolve this issue. Commissioner Buzzett has requested this item remain on the Agenda until it is resolved.

Old Ward Ridge City Hall Building: Commissioner Thursbay encouraged the Commissioners to visit the site and consider it as a permanent meeting location for the City.

Flashing Sign on 20th Street: Commissioner Thursbay asked for help in placing a flashing sign near the Faith Christian School. Chief Herring is working with Sheriff Mike Harrison on this and anticipates having it resolved shortly.

Speed Bumps on 6th Street: Commissioner Thursbay noted this is a unique street in that there are 4 homes, 3 parking lots and a high volume of traffic. He asked for the Commissioner's help in resolving the traffic issues on Sixth Street and encouraged them to visit the area.

Delineators on Highway 98: Commissioner Buzzett shared his concerns about the safety issue of drivers crossing the double yellow lines to enter McDonald's and Hungry Howie's. Commissioner Buzzett offered a Motion to install delineators but withdrew the Motion after discussion. John Grantland is to contact Transfield Services about ways to eliminate the safety hazards.

Employee Wellness Program: Commissioner Buzzett has been talking with Dwight Van Lierop, the City's Insurance Agent, and Sara Hines of the Gulf County Health Department on ways to create and encourage an Employee Wellness Program for the City. He will bring their suggestions back to the Commission.

Commercial Utility Rates: Mayor Patterson requested that the Commission look at options to reduce the Commercial I, Commercial II, and Residential rates in the future.

Commercial Trash Pick-up: Mayor Patterson is concerned about the inability to help residents with smaller piles of trash that need to be picked up. Mr. Anderson explained the current process and noted that residents may call for a special pick up.

Public Works – John Grantland

Sick Leave Pool – Mr. Grantland requested permission for employees of the Public Works Department to donate time to a fellow employee who is out of leave time and is facing medical issues. A Motion was made

by Commissioner Thursbay, second by Commissioner McCroan, to grant the request. All in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Grantland noted that Sapodilla Lane is complete and the light pole at the Tenth Street Park has been replaced.

Surface Water Plant – Larry McClamma

St. Joe Beach Tank – Mr. McClamma advised that the 20 year old glass fused steel storage tank at St. Joe Beach is in need of fabricating work. Between the salt air and Chlorine in the tank, rust is becoming a problem. Commissioner McCroan will look at the tank and this item will be tabled until the tank has been checked.

Wastewater Plant – Lynn Todd shared that the effluent line has been repaired, tested, fired and no leaks were found. The Lagoon looks good, there is no odor or greenery associated with it.

City Engineer - Clay Smallwood, III, did not have anything new to share with the Commission. He anticipates having the Patton Park Plat available by next week.

Code Enforcement

Mr. Burkett's report was reviewed, no action was taken. Mayor Patterson noted the success of getting the vacant lots cleaned up and encouraged citizens to keep their lots clean.

Mr. Anderson noted that the Tourist Corridor Ordinance relative to Overnight Parking becomes effective next week.

Ann White requested that *No Parking* signs be placed at Patton Park as individuals are parking their vehicles in the park.

Police Department – Chief Herring did not have anything to update the Commission on.

Various Commissioners noted the increase in under aged drivers of golf carts in the City and instructed Chief Herring to crack down on this violation. It was noted that the Golf Cart Ordinance requires that a driver be 16 years of age and have a valid Florida Driver's License. He was also asked to monitor the issues on Sixth Street. Chief Herring will pass these requests to the Police Department officers.

City Clerk – Charlotte Pierce did not have anything to report.

Citizens to be Heard

Christy McElroy thanked the Commissioners for cracking down on the under aged drivers of golf carts. She asked for more enforcement on the walking / bike path to keep golf carts off of it; encouraged the Commissioners to do what is in the best interest of our community; resolve the modular home issue; be welcoming to individuals coming to our community, and set goals of what we want our community to look like in the future.

Mayor Patterson reiterated that Garrison, Long and Monument Avenues are only cross over roads for golf carts and are not to be used as driving streets.

Amy Rogers reminded Commissioners of the Fair Housing Act; encouraged residents to treat everyone with respect; requested that tax payer's money not be wasted but work on cleaning up the water and trash areas; suggested that the Washington Gym be used for Commission meetings, and also noted that the bleachers at Peters Park need to be larger.

Commissioner Thursbay shared that Gulf County Commissioner Sandy Quinn is working on the bleachers issue and encouraged Ms. Rogers to talk with him about this.

Discussion Items by Commissioners

Commissioner Thursbay shared that he had spoken with Mr. Anderson and feels that the City should buy employee's uniform shirts, allow them to launder their own shirts and save a nice sum of money by eliminating the laundry bill. Staff will look at this and bring their suggestions back to the Commissioners.

Commissioner Ashbrook asked if the Port Authority meeting for September had been cancelled. Mr. Gibson responded, "Yes" and noted the October meeting is scheduled for the second Wednesday at Gulf Coast State College.

He also asked if the PDRB is working on an architectural design for the future of Port St. Joe to which Mr. Anderson acknowledged they were.

Commissioner Ashbrook reminded citizens of the Fire Flow Test scheduled for tomorrow.

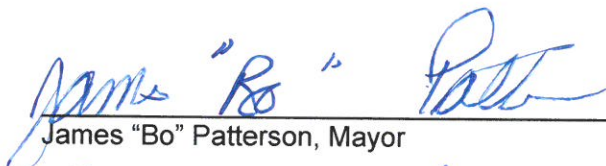
Commissioner McCroan did not have anything to discuss.

Commissioner Buzzett shared that all of his concerns were addressed in the meeting.

Mayor Patterson asked if Duke Energy had taken care of tree limbs on lines and in the yard in the Allen Memorial Way area. Mr. Anderson noted he has spoken with Duke Energy about this.

A Motion was made by Commissioner McCroan, second by Commissioner Buzzett, to adjourn the Meeting at 7:35 P.M.

Approved this 6th day of October 2015.


James "Bo" Patterson, Mayor

10/7/2015
Date


Charlotte M. Pierce, City Clerk

10/7/15
Date